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SPECIAL REPORT

Student Government celebrates 100 years

By **JENNIFER BATE**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

This week, Student Government is turning 100.

In celebration of its birthday, SG will be on Turlington Plaza and the Plaza of the Americas Wednesday

through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where representatives will be sponsoring a trivia game and giving out more than 300 prizes, said Jessica Clements, chief of staff for Student Body President Jordan Johnson.

The very beginnings of what is now SG originated in the Student

Honor Court in 1909.

However, SG did not receive funding until 1919. That's when the first student body officers were elected.

Prior to 1919, the university had class officers, and in 1925 SG became the entity the university recognizes

today and drafted its first constitution.

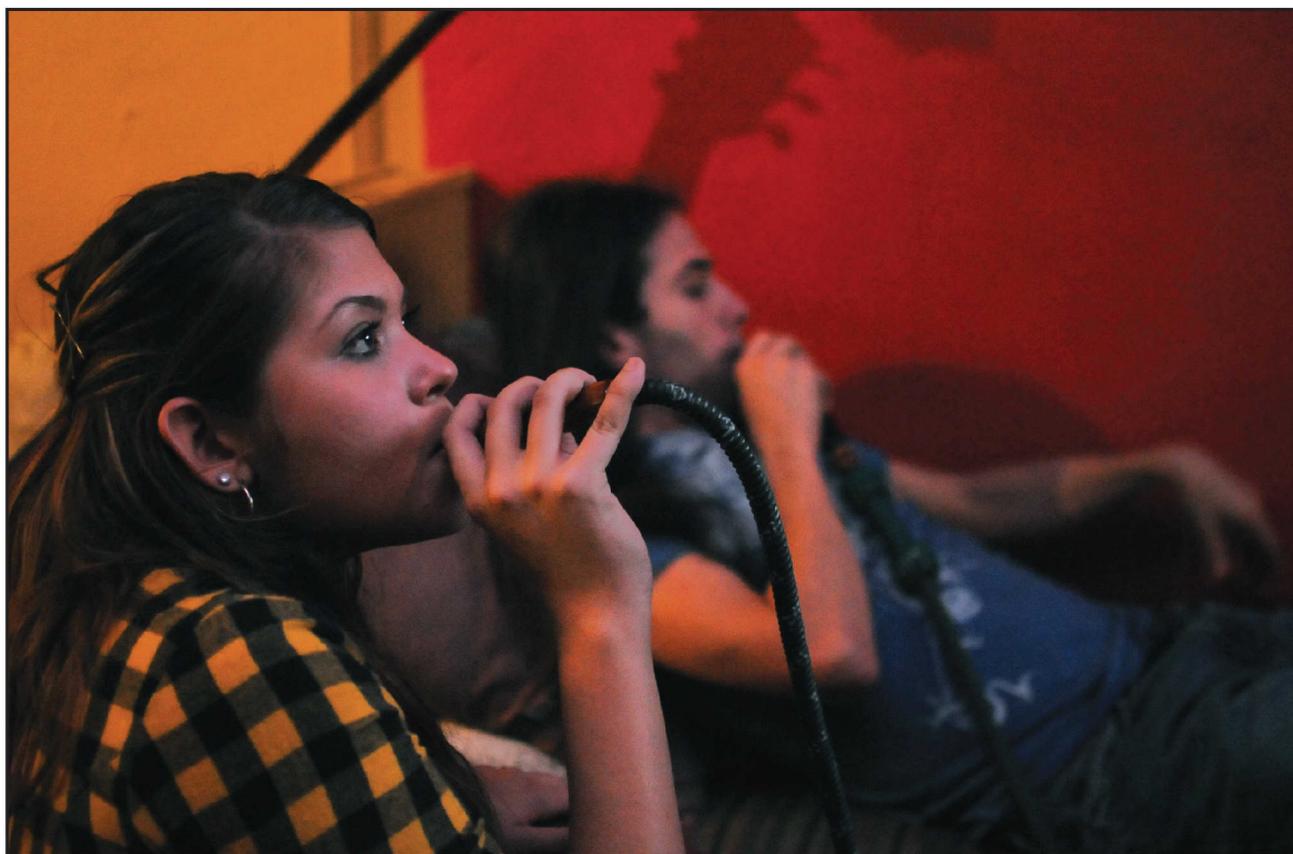
SG's history is embellished with names of leaders who became prominent on campus and in the state of Florida.

Among the many distinguished Student Body presidents are M.L.

Yeats, who wrote the Alma Mater, George Smathers, Stephen O'Connell and John McCarty.

Many others went on to serve terms in Congress or as judges in Florida.

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Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Hookah Party

Lindsey Dious, 19, and Robert Oberdan, 21, smoke hookahs at the Hookah Hutt located on West University Tuesday night. Both smokers said they have been enjoying hookah for more than a year. See Story, Page 4.

Advisers turn to students to lessen load

■ TWO STUDENT SENATORS PROPOSED THE IDEA.

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
 Alligator Writer

Students from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences may not have to face long lines in the advising center much longer.

The college's Academic Advising Center has trained 25 student ambassadors to provide their classmates with information about majors, dropping or adding courses and paperwork for dropping majors, said Albert Matheny, the director of the Academic Advising Center.

Matheny said Unite Party Sen. Thomas Hilton and former Senate President Audrey Goldman approached him with the idea for the program this summer.

Three advisers volunteered to help start the program and chose 25 juniors and seniors to serve as ambassadors.

Nick Mrozinske, one of the advisers, said the ambassadors have been helping since Nov. 9. They set up tables outside the advising center, Farrow Hall, to answer students' questions before going into the office. He said the ambassadors also help students prepare for their appointments.

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Senate supports Reitz Union expansion student fee

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
 Alligator Writer

As talk continues about a student fee that would fund the renovation and expansion of the Reitz Union, students and Student Government representatives voiced their concerns

over the financial burden it would bring.

About 75 graduate students packed the Student Senate chambers Tuesday night, holding signs that read, "Students deserve a vote on the Reitz Union fee."

They expressed great disapproval for a resolution supporting a student fee that would

fund the Reitz Union's expansion. However, the resolution passed 67-10.

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A resolution is a piece of legislation that expresses the Senate's opinion but takes no action.

Students would pay a \$20 fee, included in

tuition, and a \$1.50 fee for each credit hour, said Student Body President Jordan Johnson.

Jaleesa Joseph, chairwoman of the Reitz Union Board of Managers, said other Florida universities like the University of South Florida implemented similar fees to expand their

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■ Senior forward Sharielle Smith had 18 points and 13 rebounds, but it wasn't enough as Florida couldn't overcome 33-percent shooting in a 66-62 loss to No. 15 FSU. See Story, Page 14.



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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

GIS Day at the UF Libraries

Today, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Come join us for presentations, a poster contest, career fair and geocaching games showcasing the use of geographic information systems (GIS). GIS Day is a global event. Details and full schedule is at www.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/gisday/.

Peace Corps Business Globetalk

Today, 6:30 p.m.
The Hub International Center Hear Peace Corps volunteers speak about their experiences working with individuals and communities to promote economic and business opportunities. A recruiter will answer any questions pertaining to the Peace Corps application process. E-mail peacecorps@ufic.ufl.edu with any questions.

NWL's Consciousness Raising on Housework & the Holidays

Today, 7 p.m.
National Women's Liberation office at 14 E University Ave. (Vidal Building), Suite 204 National Women's Liberation is asking, "Who does the housework in your home during the holidays?" Come find out how this is a feminist issue and how to fight for equality in this and other matters. Women only please. Visit www.womensliberation.org for more information.

IRHA Urban Art Gallery Reception

Today, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Reid Gallery (Near Norman Tunnel)
IRHA is hosting a reception for its Urban Art Exhibit located at Reid Gallery. The gallery features graffiti, stenciling, murals and caricatures by artists from around the state. There will be live spray art, music, free food and the opportunity to make your own graffiti.

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
Anderson Hall, Room 034
Are you considering graduate school, but unaware of every-

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thing that has to do with the application process? The group will be joined by graduate school adviser, Brian Moraski, who will discuss all there is to know about graduate school and will answer any questions. Everyone is welcome.

School of Business Faculty Lunch

Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Stuzin Hall, Room 200
Come for an opportunity to talk to professors and advisers in the business school and get advice on classes for next semester. All business and accounting majors welcome. Free food provided.

"Church and State since 1989"

Thursday, 7 p.m.
Pugh Hall Ocora
Talk by Anna Grzymala-Busse, of the University of Michigan for the Center for European Studies series "From the Iron Curtain to the EU." The speaker argues that churches rely on indirect political influence and the historical resonance they have cultivated from the communist era.

Miss UF contestants meeting

Thursday, 7 p.m.
Alpha Delta Pi Sorority house
This is the first contestants meeting for the Miss University of Florida Pageant. Please join the Miss University of Florida 2010 Facebook group or e-mail missufdirector@gmail.com for more information.

Great American Smoke-Out

Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Turlington Plaza
Colleges Against Cancer, Alachua County Health Department and GatorWell will provide materials to stop smoking. For more information, visit relayforlife.org/uffl.

Alpha Zeta Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Applebee's, 1005 NW 13th St.
Enjoy a pre-game breakfast at Applebee's while supporting the College of Agricultural and Life Science's coed honors fraternity. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased before the event or at the door.

RUB Entertainment presents "Julie & Julia"

Saturday, 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium
Meryl Streep stars as Julia Child and Amy Adams stars as Julie Powell. The film, directed by Nora Ephron, brings to life Child's novel, "My Life in France" and Powell's novel, "Julie and Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen." For more information, visit www.union.ufl.edu/rub.

Lakeside's Culture Clash

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Come for performances, games and free food as Lakeside Residence Hall, in conjunction with Graduate & Family Housing, takes attendees on a journey through the countries of the world.

Got an event?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to bkelly@alligator.org with "What's Happening" in the subject line. Please include a one- to two-sentence synopsis of the event. Make sure all submissions are formatted properly. Space in this section is limited.

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Deaf Comedy Jam

Keith Wann garners silent applause for his comedy show in which he pokes fun at the differences between the hearing and hearing-impaired communities. Wann performed Tuesday night at the Reitz Union and was sponsored by the Signing Gators student organization.

INTERNATIONAL
5 get death penalty in Iranian election unrest

TEHRAN, Nov. 17 (AP) — Five people were sentenced to death on Tuesday for their roles in the 2009 Iranian election protests, the Islamic Republic's state-run media said.

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The sentences were handed down in a court in Tehran. The five people were accused of participating in the protests that erupted after the June 2009 election. The protests were widely seen as a challenge to the Islamic Republic's leadership.

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Presidents reflect on political past



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UF senators Thomas Hilton and Alexandra Moore look at old newspaper stories about past UF Senates in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Tuesday night.

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writer

Student Government celebrated its 100th birthday at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom Tuesday night with cake, a live band and about 190 guests.

The event, known as the SG General Assembly, described SG's influence on campus and its ability to create strong student leaders. It featured speeches by UF President Bernie Machen, UF Alumni Association President Jeffery Jonasen and Student Body President Jordan Johnson.

Machen mentioned SG's past accomplishments, including lobbying in Tallahassee on behalf of students, but also focused on the need for continued cooperation between university officials and SG in the future, especially in the current economic climate.

"The absence of a coherent Student Body voice is chaos," Machen said.

He also mentioned political leaders UF has produced, such as Bob Graham and Marshall Criser.

Machen said students would play a role in the decision-making process involved in the future of the Reitz Union.

Jonasen, Student Body president from 1987 to 1988, talked about UF's campus life in the 1980s, which included a less impressive football team and more politically conservative students.

He offered advice to members of SG, encouraging them to remember that the differences of opinion they may have with fellow SG members tend to fade away over time. Their opponents in SG may become political allies in the future, he said.

"You make enemies in Student Government who may become friends," Jonasen said.

The event also featured a speech from Art Sandeen, the former vice president of student affairs. He described SG's role in bringing all of the organizations on campus together.

Jordan Johnson capped off the evening with a speech promoting the renovation and expansion of the Reitz Union.

Student Government

Study: Hookah use up among youth

City principals don't see trend

By **JARED MISNER**
Alligator Writer

Danielle Lee won't touch a cigarette, but she'll pass a hookah pipe around a circle of friends any day.

And, according to a recent UF study, an increasing number of middle-school- and high-school-aged children share Lee's fondness for the alternative form of tobacco.

The study, presented on Nov. 9 at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia, found that 11 percent of Florida high school students and 4 percent of Florida middle school students had smoked hookah at least once.

Hookah burns charcoal and tobacco. Air is first drawn through the tobacco and then into the pipe, where it passes through water, which leads many smokers to believe hookah smoking is safer than cigarette or cigar smoking.

Maureen Miller, alcohol and other drug prevention specialist with UF's GatorWell Health Promotion Services, was quick to point out hookah's potentially dangerous effects.

"This isn't harmless," Miller said of hookah. "There certainly are some serious health concerns here."

The World Health Organization reported a typical 20- to 80-minute hookah session is the equivalent of

smoking about 100 cigarettes and can deliver 11 times more carbon monoxide than a cigarette.

The study shows an increase in hookah usage among members of the same age bracket from a 2005 University of Pittsburgh study that found 10 percent of high school students and 2 percent of middle school students surveyed had smoked hookah at least once.

"Smoking hookah is far more acceptable than smoking a cigarette."

Danielle Lee
Gainesville resident

But the trend doesn't stop at middle and high school students. In a two-block radius between West 10th Street and West 12th Street on West University Avenue, there are at least five restaurants or lounges that offer the alternative form and often flavored tobacco, presumably for the college-aged audience in proximity to UF.

"I'm totally against smoking cigarettes, but I'll smoke hookah all day long," Lee, 20, said as she blew a plume of smoke from the watermelon-flavored tobacco from her hookah pipe inside Farah's on the Avenue on a rainy Tuesday afternoon. "It's very acceptable. Smoking hookah is far more

acceptable than smoking a cigarette."

According to Miller, Lee's view is common.

"When people smoke cigarettes, they feel like they have to hide it," Miller said. "Hookah smoking is not the same."

Jade Shue, a manager at Farah's on the Avenue whose favorite flavor of hookah is lemon-mint, has also noticed an increased trend in college-aged students smoking hookah.

"Between [2005] and now, it has just skyrocketed," she said.

Shue also noted the popularity with hookah smoking might be centered around the fact that hookah smoking is allowed in most restaurants where other forms of tobacco are not.

But not all people have noticed the same trend in hookah smoking.

Lawson Brown, assistant principal of Lincoln Middle School, said he doesn't think the students at his school fit the profile of the 4 percent of middle school-aged children who had smoked hookah at least once, though he couldn't be sure.

"Knock on wood, I feel pretty fortunate that [hookah smoking] is not an aspect of our discipline or school culture," he said.

Anne Shaughnessy, assistant principal for curriculum at Gainesville High School, echoed Brown's comments.

"I haven't seen anything that would cause alarm for me," she said. "I'm not aware of any trend. I hope I'm not wrong."

Committee to hold hearing on travel ban

■ **UF PROFESSORS: YOUNG GENERATION SUPPORTS LIFTING CUBAN TRAVEL BAN.**

By **MATT HARRINGER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A battle is building in the United States over whether the current ban on travel to Cuba should be lifted, but for some in the UF community, the answer is simple: Lift the ban.

On Thursday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the issue.

The committee's ranking Republican, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Miami, supports the travel ban.

Since the 2004 elections, Cuban-American donors and political action committees that support the embargo have donated more than \$10 million to 300 federal candidates, according to a Miami Herald report on the influence of campaign contributions made by supporters of the embargo. The report was published Monday by Public Campaign, a nonprofit organization supporting campaign reform.

Seven of the top 15 recipients were from Florida — four Democrats and three Republicans.

Rep. Kendrick Meek, who represents Miami and is running for Senate, joined more than 40 other Democrats in signing a letter to Nancy Pelosi supporting the travel ban and has received more than \$100,000 from pro-embargo contributors, according to the Public Campaign report.

But Adam Sharon, a spokesman for the congressman, said Meek's policy decisions aren't influenced by campaign contributions.

"When you are intimately aware of the life stories of political prisoners and dissidents who were deprived of freedom, that is what shapes public policy decisions," he said.

But Philip Williams, director of the UF's Center for Latin American Studies, said there is no evidence that the embargo and travel ban have helped bring democracy to Cuba.

Williams said President Obama made progress by lifting a travel ban against Cuban-Americans made under the Bush administration.

"It's well overdue that restrictions were lifted for all Americans," he said.

Williams said Cuban-Americans who support the embargo are a vocal minority in the community with a disproportionate influence.

Terry McCoy, director of UF's Latin American Business Environment Program, agreed with Williams.

"The Cuban-American lobby has been very affective in rounding up votes to prevent a lifting of the embargo," McCoy said. "One of the ways they do that is campaign contributions."

Both professors said younger Cuban-Americans support ending the embargo more than older generations.

Their claims are supported by a September poll that showed 59 percent of Cuban-Americans believe the travel ban should be lifted. Respondents 18 to 64 years of age supported lifting the ban by 62 percent, while only 49 percent of those 65 and older supported lifting the ban.

Jessie Ribot, a Cuban-American student at UF, said she thinks the travel ban should be repealed. Ribot, a UF freshman, moved from Cuba to America when she was 7.

She said she doesn't think America can influence Cuba's government, but Americans should have the right to visit the island.

Apartment holds clothes drive to help abuse shelter

By **ASHLEY HORN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Turkey, stuffing, blue jeans.

Spyglass Apartments is asking its residents to add another item to the list of take-home holiday leftovers.

"My idea is that students will go home for Thanksgiving and bring tons of stuff back," said Lauren Hughes, leasing agent at Spyglass Apartments and director of the complex's clothing drive for Peaceful Paths, a shelter in Gainesville for abused women and their children.

Hughes encourages UF and Santa Fe College students to clean out their closets for Thanksgiving and bring the clothes to the apartment's leasing office.

Items in need include clothing, shoes, books and stuffed animals. Peaceful Paths asks especially for women's professional attire for those who are starting new lives and searching for jobs.

Peaceful Paths will sell the donated items from Spyglass tenants in its thrift store, which is open to the general public. All proceeds go to the Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network Inc., including its shelters, support groups and hotlines.

"Many women and their children who come here have no clothes, except for the ones they are wearing," said Lori Eddy, receptionist and coordinator of the "Adopt a Family" program at Peaceful Paths. "We give them vouchers to go shopping at the thrift store. The amount the voucher is worth depends on the needs presented."

Eddy said the donation drive at Spyglass comes at a perfect time of year. The busy holiday season spurs higher traffic at the shelter, increasing financial need. "I hope this becomes a competition between apartment complexes in Gainesville," Hughes said. "It's for such a good cause."

Hughes said she has no expectations for donations but hopes everyone will get involved.

In 2007, college students in the U.S. spent an estimated \$5 billion on clothes and shoes, according to stateuniversity.com.

"People living comfortably often fail to realize that there are many less fortunate individuals out there," said Kristen Wietzke, a resident at Spyglass. "I am going to set aside one weekend to dig through my closet for things I don't wear or use anymore, or that I think someone less fortunate would make better use of."

Peaceful Paths especially needs gift cards for groceries, gasoline and phone cards.

"I think this is a very good way to start off the holiday season," said Wietzke. "Why not help someone in need and help to brighten their day?"

Student fills backpacks for needy kids

■ EACH BACKPACK COSTS ABOUT \$100 TO FILL FOR A SCHOOL YEAR.

By **VICTORIA ISRAELS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Stephanie Covey makes sure there are better things in some students' backpacks than homework.

Every month, Covey, a public relations junior at UF, gives out backpacks full of games and healthy food to

underprivileged students at Gainesville's Littlewood Elementary.

In October, Covey's Backpack Club Inc. gave 12 backpacks to students referred by teachers, staff members, community partners and neighbors.

Five of the students' families didn't have electricity for the summer.

In Fall 2008, Covey sat in her sociology class and heard about an organization in Texas that gave backpacks full of food and toys to young students in need. She was taught that food and nutrition are closely linked with the ability to learn.

The next weekend, Covey returned to her hometown, Bradenton, and spoke with a local school's guidance counselor, who told Covey that such a program would fill a serious need at the school.

The next day, Covey applied for nonprofit status and began work on Backpack Club Inc.

Her program gave disadvantaged students a full backpack on the first Friday of every month and would continue to fill the students' backpacks as long as the students returned the bags.

Covey fills the backpacks with donated dented Publix products and uses money donated by her church. The Mark Wandall Foundation also gave the organization a \$1,000 grant.

The backpacks are filled with items like pasta, honey, Pop-Tarts, applesauce, Chewy Bars, raisins, toothbrushes, shampoo and books.

Toiletries are the most requested items, Covey said, and each backpack costs about \$100 to fill for the school year.

The Backpack Club has given backpacks to 100 students at Freedom Elementary School in Bradenton, and hopes to match that number at Littlewood by the end of the school year. So far, 12 students have entered the program.

Sherri Brunner, guidance counselor for Freedom Elementary School, said the students who receive backpacks are monitored for attendance and achievement improvements in their classroom.

"Times are tough, and we all need to work together to create a brighter future," Brunner said. "The program has brought the community closer."

The most rewarding aspect for Covey is the faces on the children when they receive the backpacks.

"A fourth-grade student at Freedom Elementary School stood up in front of his class and told me the Backpack Club has really helped his family and that he is grateful for every backpack," Covey said.



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Public relations junior Stephanie Covey shows the food items she puts in backpacks every month to give to children through her nonprofit organization, Backpack Club.

LOCAL

UF students plan projects for peace

By **LINDSAY FERGUSON**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Kathryn Wasserman Davis made a birthday wish for peace on Earth.

For her 100th birthday, Wasserman Davis decided to commit \$1 million to fund 100 different projects for peace.

Tracy Reeves, the coordinator of the selection process for UF students, hosted an informational session Monday night for Davis Projects for Peace and will host another session Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Room 202 of Peabody Hall.

Projects for Peace are grassroots projects that can be implemented anywhere in the world, according to the organization's Web site. The project is up to the students, but the foundation encourages creativity and a worldwide scope.

Past projects from UF students include planting trees in Swaziland and providing more protein to citizens' diets and a potable water system in Uganda.

All undergraduates who attend

Davis United World College Scholars Program partner schools are eligible to design a project.

The Davis foundation chose UF student Ali Zuaiteer's project on Palestine last year.

"You can achieve peace in so many different ways."

Ali Zuaiteer
UF student

Originally from Jordan, the economics senior focused his project on giving microloans to Palestinian women.

Over the summer, Zuaiteer and two other UF students worked to select deserving students from schools in Palestine to receive the loans. The first loans were just dispersed a few weeks ago, he said.

Students have two pages to explain the background of their idea, the project they hope to implement and a detailed budget showing how they will use the \$10,000 if chosen.

Proposals are judged based on creativity, connection to the student's education, sustainability, scope, appropriate use of resources and overall impact.

"We want to know that it's something that will last beyond the summer of 2010," Reeves said.

After she reviews the drafts, students have until Jan. 8 to submit their final proposals, which are judged by a committee.

Two are submitted to the national level and the winners receive their funds at the end of the spring semester.

In the three years that UF has submitted projects, five have been funded, according to Reeves.

"You can achieve peace in so many different ways," Zuaiteer said.

To learn more about Projects for Peace or to see projects that have won in the past, go to the Web site at www.davisprojectsforpeace.org or www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu/programs/100projects.

Editorial

You know this how?

Mammogram guidelines follow international standard

Conservative horror stories about Obamacare run amok are finally coming true in the minds of some.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a government panel of doctors and scientists, concluded on Monday that women in their 40s do not need mammograms. According to the Associated Press, the decision went on to state that women should begin biennial testing at age 50. This is a break from the American Cancer Society's long-held position, which states that women should seek annual mammograms beginning at age 40, and it has stirred controversy in the medical community.

So this sounds like an open-and-shut case of Obama-style communist health care rationing, right? While we're sure that some people (you know who) will paint it as such, let's not jump to conclusions. Early breast cancer diagnosis is critical, but if the health risks and financial costs of testing women under 50 outweigh the benefits, this is a sound decision.

The task force found that early and frequent screenings often lead to false alarms and unneeded biopsies, without significantly improving women's odds of survival. It argues that the risk of breast cancer in women younger than 50 is very low, but the risk of biopsy complications after false-positive results is too high to recommend mammograms for this group.

These recommendations are also in line with international guidelines, which call for testing to begin at age 50. The World Health Organization suggests mammograms every two years, while Britain says every three years.

So before jumping on the pundit bandwagon, already beginning to portray this as the Obama administration trying to take away health care from those who need it, consider the argument in its entirety.

Cu-Ban

This week, Congress is taking up the issue of the Cuba travel ban, part of an embargo started against the communist country in 1960. For nearly 50 years, it has been effectively illegal for Americans to travel to Cuba.

Americans can still travel to countries with human rights records that make Cuba look like the pinnacle of freedom, and countries with military ambitions that make the former Cold War adversary look like Switzerland.

In fact, it's currently legal for Americans to travel anywhere else in the world. So why, you ask, is this little Caribbean island still off-limits?

Money. We were not surprised when a new report found that campaign contributions are more influential than party affiliation in determining which members of Congress choose to maintain the Cuban embargo.

Since the 2004 elections, Cuban-American donors

and political action committees supporting the embargo have donated more than \$10 million to 300 candidates for federal office, seven hailing from Florida. Legislators are also swayed by industry, as the Florida sugar lobby fights (and pays well) to keep Cuban sugar off U.S. shelves.

Two senior congressmen argued in a Miami Herald op-ed Tuesday that the travel ban only strengthens the Castro regime. By isolating Cuban citizens from their democratic neighbors to the north, and keeping U.S. dollars out of the country, the embargo restricts the ability of Cuban citizens to push for change.

We are encouraged by President Obama's decision to lift travel restrictions for Cuban-Americans. But now, it's time for Congress to act and bring an end to the half-century of limited freedom of travel for U.S. citizens and counter-productive half-measures to fight the Castro regime.

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Column

Privacy should be given greater value

Several weeks ago, I showed up to my friend Katie's house to watch TV.

"Sorry I'm late," I said. "I was at a wine bistro with my friend."

"Ooh, your friend?" she said. "That sounds exciting."

"Yeah, my nonexistent secret boyfriend," I said.

Katie smirked.

"You could have a secret boyfriend if you told three people," she said.

I didn't used to care about privacy, and in some ways, I still don't. It's probably true that I couldn't keep a secret boyfriend a secret to save my life, and if I have a good story to tell, all of my friends have heard it at least once.

But somewhere along the way, I realized that the more personal information I exposed to the world, the more vulnerable I was to getting hurt. It's not that I'm dishonest or super secretive now, but I have learned that privacy isn't an abstract concept.

When people know everything about you, they hurt you. It doesn't mean they're villains; it just means they're human. Telling people your secrets is like giving away parts of yourself, and if all your social network "friends" or everyone on your text Listserv knows every detail of your private life, they own you. I don't think our generation places much value on privacy. We've been raised on reality shows that value voyeurism, and social networking sites encourage spilling your guts to everyone on your friends list.

When those "25 Things" lists were infecting Facebook, I learned more personal information than I ever cared to about people I barely knew. I don't need to know that your current girlfriend is the one you think you're going to spend your life with. That's going to be awkward when you break up in a month.

Cell phones might enable privacy when you're a teenager with younger siblings who listen in on landlines,



Hilary Lehman
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but I've overheard enough cringe-worthy conversations on the bus to know that cell phones have probably exposed more information than they've protected. I don't want to hear your conversation about your weekend hookup or your phone call to your bank where you list your social security number, birthplace and mother's maiden name — yes, this

really happened once.

I'm even protective of my music. If I have friends in my car and my iPod is playing, I'll only let my close friends change the playlist. Giving people access to your music — I used to have a playlist titled "depressing songs" — is like giving them the key to your underwear drawer: highly personal and highly embarrassing.

We read our gossip blogs, watch "The Hills" or stalk our newsfeeds, and we don't think anything of it. But I feel like I'm selling my soul with the need to know everything about other people — because suddenly, other people also want to know everything about me.

I don't trust mankind enough to be able to cry on the phone in the middle of the hallways of my college or to express deeply personal feelings on my blog, Twitter or Facebook. Privacy should be linked to trust. I tell my closest friends everything, but that group is about 10 people. Beyond that, I'm not going to reveal parts of myself in ways that leave me exposed.

It's unfortunate, but I don't believe the standards of privacy should change because technology and society allow us to expose so much more. People can't read your mind for a reason. You shouldn't enable them to.

Hilary Lehman is a journalism senior. Her column appears on Wednesdays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Do you think people share too much on the Internet?

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Letters to the Editor

Grad students can't afford new fee

As a graduate student, the dream of being financially solvent seems a distant one. Most grad students live below the poverty line. Yet, once again, UF is attempting to raise student fees — this time to pay for the renovation and expansion of Reitz Union. And these fees will affect graduate students differently; we actually have to pay for our fees (unlike undergrads who receive Bright Futures and/or prepaid).

Now, I'm not one to complain about fees. I get paid to do research and teach, and this is a pretty sweet gig. I'm not a member of Graduate Assistants United. Hell, I've even argued for the necessity of fees. But, we already had a \$100 increase this year (and likely an additional 5 percent next year). I know many academic departments have been "trimmed" to meet the budget crisis, but perhaps the university could find a better way to pay for these costs. Do we really need a renovated Reitz Union — especially given said budget crisis? If the answer is yes, well, so be it. But could we at least get a proposed grad student bar out of the deal?

Matthew Smith
UF graduate student



'War on terror' not a war

This is in response to Tuesday's guest column, "Trials give terrorists better treatment than they deserve." While most of Warren

Rhea's opinion was intelligently argued, the final paragraph certainly gave me pause. Speaking about the Bush administration's war on terror, he wrote, "It's a war, let's start treating it like one." I disagree with this.

Under the Obama administration, the use of the phrase "war on terror" has come to an end. Calling the global effort to eliminate terrorists a war only legitimizes terrorists actions. It allows groups like al-Qaida to justify attacks on Americans because they are, by our own definition, combatants in a war. If we are not fighting a war on terror, however, we remove terrorists' ability to claim that their actions are justified parts of war and force them to recognize their targets not as soldiers, but as people.

Patrick Poage
UF student



Accent should spend less on better talent

This letter is not so much a response to Jeremy Piven's last minute cancellation, but rather to the Accent Speakers Bureau's choice in speakers. The fact that \$85,000 was going to be spent on a second-rate actor is pathetic.

Worse celebrities have been chosen in the past (Tom Green and Bob Saget for example), and I hope that they were not paid nearly as much as Piven was supposed to be. The students of UF deserve to hear speakers who are

relevant to their lives and their educations.

In the past, speakers like Dr. Jack Keivorkian, Ralph Nader and Noam Chomsky came to campus and provided enlightening and provocative commentaries that enriched the minds of attendees. Can we save our money for this sort of speaker instead of no-show HBO stars? If students really want television celebrities then so be it, but do we need to spend more than \$80,000 on a speaker? Maybe I should have majored in theater (like Piven).

Leighton Williams
UF student



Illegal billboards should be removed

The Florida Department of Transportation has scheduled a final meeting for public comment on a supposed "beautification project" allowing multivision, monopole and lighted billboards on Interstate 75. The meeting will be held Friday in Lake City.

The FDOT has unlawfully permitted the reconstruction of many nonconforming billboards destroyed during the 2004 hurricanes. The Federal Highway Administration has fined the FDOT \$15 million for these actions, which is to come from our state's Transportation Enhancement Activities funds. I can only applaud the removal of illegally reconstructed billboards from our landscape.

But the proposal goes further and into

things that benefit only the billboard industry: It promotes replacing 40-year-old small wooden billboards with steel monopoles, lights and multiple trivision sign faces. This part of the proposal is in violation of the Federal Highway Beautification Act and should not be permitted. Citizens should attend the meeting in Lake City on Friday to protest the imposition of trivision and multivision, steel monopole and lighted signage on the I-75 corridor.

Arnall Downs
Gainesville resident



Students show selfishness by scalping

I am disappointed in Gators fans. With the SEC Championship tickets selling out in less than an hour last night, it was disappointing to students who missed out. However, what is most disappointing is learning that the reason tickets sold out so quickly is because many people logged in to purchase tickets only to sell them for a few hundred bucks. What is wrong with you? I mean, you cannot even get the tickets from the box office without a driver's license and UF ID.

So, are you going to drive to Atlanta with the person purchasing your ticket or give them your license and UF ID? Seriously, the selfishness of people today continues to amaze me.

Whitney Shadowens
UF staff

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SG has faced recurring issues during the years

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SG has embraced 100 years of involvement as a road to change, pressing for reform on the national, state and local level.

It has brought up a student accident and health plan, petitioned to the government to lower the voting age to 18, protested the Vietnam War and lobbied for the right to continue to manage the SG budget.

There have been many issues throughout its 100 years, but some recurring problems remain on the agenda.

"It's interesting, really," said Brian Burgoon, who served as Student Body president from 1996 to 1997. "I'll pick up an Alligator today, and it's very likely that I'll read about some

of the same issues we dealt with when I served."

SG has combated issues ranging from expanding the Reitz Union to allocating more on-campus parking.

"It was really important to us to preserve student authority for future students to come so that they could have the same experiences," Burgoon said.

Johnson said he's excited to be a part of SG's 100th birthday.

"It is a time for us to reflect on all the things Student Government has done and the role it has played in the history of our university," he said. "It's special and we understand that we're tasked with contributing to that legacy."

CLAS has 25 students who answer questions

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"I've seen students coming in better prepared," Mrozinske said.

Ambassador Nina Martinez, a political science and English junior, said the ambassadors serve as a link between students and their faculty and advisers. Martinez said her time in Student Government helped her realize that this link

needs to be repaired.

"You realize how inaccessible some of the institutions at UF are, and you just want to aid in any capacity to make the school

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a little smaller," Martinez said.

Keith Morgan, a psychology and criminology junior, also worked at the table. He said he helped answer

UF freshman Sabrina Jackson's question about the requirements for a chemistry class and referred her to an adviser. Jackson said she anticipated a long wait at the advising office and plans to get help from the ambassadors in the future.

"I think it's a good thing to do for the students who are in a rush and don't have time to wait for an adviser," Jackson said.

Graduate students oppose expansion fee

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student unions.

Emily McCann, an English Ph.D student, said graduate students would unfairly bear the burden.

Unlike undergraduates, they do not have Bright Futures funds to help cover their student fees, she said.

Progress Party Sen. Vikram Munikoti, who represents graduate students, said he supports a bigger and better Reitz Union but not at the expense of students.

Former Orange and Blue Party Sen. Ben Cavaturo, said he also disagreed with the resolution, adding there were not enough facts available about the cost.

He said all students should have the chance to vote on the fee during the spring elections.

Orange and Blue Party senators Alan Yanuck and Jonathan Ossip introduced an amendment that sup-

ported a student vote on the fee during the spring 2010 SG elections. However, the amendment failed.

But Senate President Ashton Charles, an author of the resolution, said not voting on the fee could delay necessary renovations to the union.

"It needs to happen now," Charles said. "We have to take the action now for it to be a success."

She said the resolution is meant to start conversations with the administration, who would have the power to implement the fee. She described an amendment to the resolution that recognizes the high fees graduate students face and allows for a diminished fee or no fee for the graduate students. The graduate student amendment passed unanimously.



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UF falls short in upset bid of FSU

■ POOR SHOOTING NIGHT DOOMS GATORS.

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**
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The Florida women's basketball team made 50 percent of its shots in a season-opening win over Stetson, but coach Amanda Butler thought it could do even better.

It didn't quite turn out that way.

UF couldn't overcome a 27-percent (9 of 33) second-half shooting effort and fell 66-62 to No. 15 Florida State (2-0) in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday.

Florida (1-1) finished the night 20 of 61 from the floor (32.8 percent), including a 29-percent showing from behind the 3-point line (9 of 31).

"It's not like we played well," Butler said. "The shooting night, when we look back on it, was not typical of our team. We know that this was a bad shooting night for us."

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Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

UF forward Sharielle Smith shoots during the Gators' 66-62 loss to Florida State in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday.

Florida-FIU perfect example why 12th game isn't needed

The matchups sound too salivating to ignore.

Florida-FIU? Alabama-Chattanooga?

If I'm a college football fan, there's obviously nothing I'd rather do than plop on the couch to catch these thrillers (and shell out extra for the opportunity if I'm a Gators fan).

Twenty teams ranked in the AP poll play this week. None face a ranked foe.

The culprit? Well part of it is the April 2005 decision by the NCAA to permanently allow Football Bowl Subdivision teams a 12th regular-season contest.*

(The American Football Coaches Association was in favor of staying at 11 games* at the time. Not like college football coaches would know anything about the game.)

Four years later, the result is crappy games and bigger athletic department budgets.

It's all about the money, baby. Big-time programs like Florida got a chance to host a seventh game and reap all the financial rewards.

Further confirming that it's all about the dollars and cents is the fact that a year later, the NCAA decided not to put the same rule in effect for Division I-AA teams. They still play 11 regular-season games* (yes, I realize they have a playoff).



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These teams wouldn't get much of a financial boost because they already have much lower attendance figures.

* Note: Division I-A and

I-AA teams have always been allowed 12 games in years where the schedule happens to have 14 Saturdays (like 2002, 2003, 2008 and 2013). Three byes would be rather absurd. Therefore, the rule passed was referring to allowing schools to play 12 games in 13-week years, which are much more common.

Fans get to see their team beat up on a lowly opponent.

After Saturday, Florida will have hosted one game each of the last four years between the end of SEC play and the FSU game — two against Sun Belt Conference opponents (Florida Atlantic 2007, FIU 2009) and two against Football Championship Subdivision opponents (Western Carolina 2006, The Citadel 2008). UF already has a similarly scheduled game next year — Appalachian State, a FCS team.

Why would Urban Meyer play

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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators look to avoid becoming latest upset victim

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Madness in college basketball isn't exclusive to March.

Several teams in the Southeastern Conference, commonly perceived to be much improved coming off a down year, have already fallen to or narrowly escaped upset-minded underdogs early in their nonconference schedules this season.

"It's amazing to me that in the month of March, games like that that are upsets in the NCAA Tournament get much more magnitude

placed on them," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "If people were paying attention in the month of November, they'd see it happen all the time."

With UF (1-0) taking on Georgia Southern (1-1) tonight at 7 in the O'Connell Center, the Gators aren't taking anything for granted.

"It just makes you more on-edge because you don't want to be one of those schools that loses and gets knocked off," point guard Erving Walker said. "They may be small schools, but these schools still got talent. If you don't bring your A-game, they'll beat you."

If people were paying attention in the month of November, they'd see [upsets] happen all the time."

Billy Donovan
UF men's basketball coach

Mississippi State, Alabama and Georgia got a taste of the giant killers' potential, as they dropped their season openers to Rider, Cornell and Wofford, respectively.

It hasn't just been SEC teams bothered by the upset bug. UCLA's 68-65 loss to Cal State Fullerton in

double-overtime ended a 37-game home winning streak against unranked nonconference opponents.

Even Kentucky — ranked No. 4 in the nation and picked to win the SEC this season — needed a last-second shot from heralded freshman John Wall on Monday night to hold off Miami (Ohio) in the Wildcats' second game of the season.

The RedHawks kept it close due in large part to their 15-of-26 shooting from 3-point range. Donovan has stressed the importance of defending the outside shot to his players, as he considers it the equalizing factor between powerhouse programs and

outmatched opponents.

"Games can get away from you a lot easier if you're scoring twos and the other team's scoring threes," Walker said. "That means they're winning."

Despite the possibility of a huge upset making national headlines, Walker said he doesn't enter the games against weaker nonconference teams with a different attitude.

"You're just out there playing like it's any other school when it's a small school," Walker said. "It's just more news if the game is close or if you actually do get upset by them."

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TEeing OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ Despite being reported after the three other players were arrested, another Vols football player was actually booked earlier in the week — and four days before Lane Kiffin said his team had no arrests in 11 months. ... TCU coach Gary Patterson said he will not petition for his No. 4 Horned Frogs to get a spot in the BCS National Championship Game, but I will. Please, please, please let them in.

UF FOOTBALL NEWS

■ Tim Tebow was named one of 15 "Players to Watch" for the Walter Camp Award, given to the nation's top player as voted by head coaches and sports information directors.

UF MEN'S BASKETBALL NEWS

■ Five-star 6-foot-9 power forward Patric Young of Jacksonville and four-star 6-foot-5 small forward Casey Prather of Jackson, Tenn., have signed letters of intent to play for the Gators in the 2010-11 season.

Smith ties career highs in points, rebounds

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Despite its shooting woes, UF managed to keep it close the entire night. Florida State needed an Alexa Deluzio jumper with 37 seconds left to take the lead for good. The Seminoles struggled from the free-throw line, finishing 11 of 20 (55 percent).

"That's why we were in position to win the ball game at the end — because of our effort and fight," Butler said. "We've just got to get better at closing out ball games. We had our opportunities."

Senior Sharielle Smith scored a team-high 18 points and tallied 13 rebounds, tying career highs in both. The forward struggled at times from the field, finishing 4 of 11, but nailed four three-pointers and was 6 of 9 from the free-throw line.

Transfer Jordan Jones scored 13 points, dished out five assists and grabbed three steals in her second game in a UF uniform. Azania Stewart added 8 points in 25 minutes on 3-of-4 shooting.

The Gators opened the game on an 11-4 run against a Seminoles' defense that allowed 10 first-half points against UNF on Friday. Through the first five minutes, the Gators used defense to generate offense but struggled after two Smith free throws at the 15:09 mark.

Smith nailed a three-pointer with 3:03 remaining in the first half and then added a free throw and another shot from beyond the arc with 1:07 remaining in the first half to give the Gators a 35-32 lead heading into halftime.

The second half followed suit, going back-and-forth with three lead changes. The Gators went into a drought for more than three minutes, ending with a three-pointer by Smith with 4:24 left.

"It was a tremendous challenge and certainly (FSU) was ready, but I think that we showed that we can play with anyone," Butler said. "We showed that is indeed the level we should be competing at."



Women's Basketball

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a tougher opponent at this point of the year? There is no advantage, especially in the BCS system. Every year, the Gators' SEC record will have either set them up for a possible national title or have knocked them out of the race. A nonconference loss in November would always wreck national championship hopes, something absolutely absurd if UF managed to make it through SEC play at 8-0 or 7-1. No need to buff up the schedule.

No matter how much Meyer wants to talk coach-speak about how great FIU is, the truth is it's a break between conference play and the annual rivalry matchup with Florida State.

In fact, you might say Meyer has found just the recipe for his scheduling. Florida starts the season with two cupcakes before opening SEC play against Tennessee. The Gators then play their eight conference games in a nine-week span, with a bye thrown in there during the middle.

(Although as much as it seems like the bye is always perfectly timed, part of this is coincidence, based on the league's scheduling. It has sure paid off, however. In '06, it fell after the Auburn loss. In '07 and '08, it came right at the halfway point. This year, it gave Tim Tebow a chance to recover from a concussion. Like I said, it's coincidental.)

Then UF gets one more confidence-boosting blowout the week before the Florida State game.

It used to not happen this way. From 1992 to 2001, a 10-year span, the Gators faced the Seminoles the week after UF's last SEC game in every season but one. So Meyer gets a week to fix things while still getting his guys some game reps and avoiding rust. Florida gets another home game to help its athletics budget.

What's the problem? The casual football fan loses. The sport becomes a little more diluted. Senior Day loses some punch.

Didn't see that last one coming? In 2006 and 2008 (and it'll likely continue in every even year), the Gators seniors played their last game in The Swamp against embarrassingly inferior competition.

I realize the door has been opened, and there is no going back. I just wish adding more pitiful football games wouldn't have been so irresistible to the NCAA.

Florida won last two matchups by combined 10 points

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With the possibility of an upset having become a reality for other SEC teams, the cliché of taking one game at a time might actually be useful advice for the Gators.

The last two years, Georgia Southern has played Florida close, giving UF even more reason to focus on tonight's matchup in practice.

In 2007, the Gators took a narrow 52-49 win in Jacksonville, and last year, they needed Nick Calathes to take over and score 10 of the team's final 19 points to escape with an 88-81 victory.

"There is a lot of parity. There are a lot of good coaches, a lot of good programs, a lot of good teams," Donovan said. "With that, you're going to have those kinds of situations. Hopefully we'll get our guys ready and prepared to go Wednesday."



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UF guard Erving Walker had seven points, four assists and two steals in 28 minutes during Florida's 88-81 win over Georgia Southern last season.

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FIU program slowly improving under Cristobal

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Most of Florida's wins this season have been too close for comfort as far as fans are concerned, but online betting sites expect FIU to provide the cure this weekend.

As of Tuesday afternoon, most oddsmakers had the No. 1 Gators (10-0) pegged as 45-point favorites, but UF coach Urban Meyer and recent history would advise against taking that bet.

Meyer had high praise for the Golden Panthers (3-7) at his press conference Monday.

"There is no question FIU will be a bowl team sooner than you think," Meyer said. "There are quality athletes, and they are very well-coached. ... This is not a smaller Division I team. This is a very good team that will be in a bowl game within two years. That's our opinion, because they have very good personnel and they throw it around."

Reaching a bowl in the next two years would mark an incredible achievement by FIU coach Mario Cristobal. The Golden Panthers are in just their eighth season with a football team and their fifth in Division I-A, and when Cristobal took over in 2007, the team was coming off an 0-12 campaign.

Things didn't get much better in his first year, as FIU went 1-11, but with five wins last season, there is reason for optimism.

When Cristobal — who played at Miami in the early 1990s — enters The Swamp on Saturday, he'll be taking mental notes on how to keep the turnaround headed in the right direction.

"[Florida is] the type of program you want to be like," Cristobal said on the Sun Belt Conference teleconference this week. "They've been around for a long, long time, and their roster is full of phenomenal athletes. They do a great job

in every phase of the game. They run the ball extremely well, they're physical up front, they're not only a fast and athletic team, they're a team that will put a hurtin' on you."

Facing the Gators won't be the first big challenge for the Golden Panthers. They opened the season at Alabama, where they took a 14-13 lead in the second quarter and trailed by just six at halftime.

The Crimson Tide went on to win 40-14, but the game proved FIU wasn't willing to play the cupcake role.

Last week, the Golden Panthers topped North Texas 35-28, using a diverse offense that Florida will have to prepare for.

With quarterback Paul McCall coming off an elbow injury, backup Wayne Younger was subbed in for a change of pace on a few drives, and FIU also ran the Wildcat offense with running back Kendall Berry.

Berry, Darriet Perry and Daunte Owens — a high-school teammate of UF quarterback Tim Tebow — form a three-back rotation, and dynamic receiver T.Y. Hilton will also have to be watched closely.

Hilton was a Freshman All-American punt returner last season, and although Cristobal is confident in his selection of playmakers, he knows it'll be a steep uphill climb to move the ball against UF's defense.

"When they get to the football, they get there in numbers and they get there with an attitude," Cristobal said. "They force the ball out. They create turnovers, they're very secure with the football as well. Their special teams have obviously caused a lot of issues with a lot of teams because of not only their athleticism, but they're well-coached."



Cristobal

Late-Season Blowouts Under Urban Meyer

Nov. 18, 2006: No. 3 Florida 62, Western Carolina 0

QUICK SCOOP

The Gators scored on nine of their first 10 possessions as they dominated the Catamounts of the Football Championship Subdivision on Senior Day.

STARS

Freshman backup quarterback Tim Tebow threw for two touchdowns and ran for a pair of scores while Riley Cooper became the first Florida freshman to have three touchdown catches since Jabar Gaffney in 2000. That duo proved to be pretty good. Mon Williams, who transferred to Eastern Illinois in February 2009, led the team in rushing with 95 yards on nine carries.

Nov. 17, 2007: No. 14 Florida 59, Florida Atlantic 20

QUICK SCOOP

The Owls of the Sun Belt Conference managed 20 points in the second quarter but were held scoreless the other 45 minutes on the same day the Gators were eliminated from the SEC East race when Georgia defeated Kentucky.

STARS

Tebow threw for three scores and added one on the ground as he became the first player in FBS history to have 20 passing touchdowns and 20 rushing touchdowns in the same season. Andre Caldwell led UF with 164 receiving yards on 13 catches as he broke Carlos Alvarez's school record for career receptions. Backup quarterback Cameron Newton, who transferred to JUCO program Blinn in January 2009, rushed for a team-high 46 yards on six carries.

Nov. 22, 2008: No. 3 Florida 70, The Citadel 19

QUICK SCOOP

The Gators tallied 706 yards of offense, third-most in school history, as they routed the Bulldogs, a member of the FCS.

STARS

Meyer paid a Senior Day tribute to redshirt senior defensive tackle Javier Estopinan by letting him run the ball in from 1 yard out, his first and only career touchdown. Tebow needed just 11 attempts to throw for 201 yards and three touchdowns. Chris Rainey led Florida with 142 yards on seven carries — but remains a Gator, breaking the mold of Williams and Newton.

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